

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission**

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DECISION

TOPIC

Final Rule—Chapter 95, Game Harvest Reporting and Landowner-Tenant Registration

The Commission is requested to adopt a final rule to amend Chapter 571 – 95, Game Harvest Reporting and Landowner-Tenant Registration. This rule outlines how the harvest reporting system and landowner-tenant registration system work.

The proposed amendments change the reporting deadline to midnight of the day after the animal is tagged rather than the day it is killed so that if the hunter recovers the animal the following day, there is still adequate time to report the harvest. The amendments also clarify that the transportation tag and harvest report tag are two separate tags and add online registration through ELSI to the options that tenants may use to register for free licenses.

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Attachment: Chapter 95, Game Harvest Reporting and Landowner-Tenant Registration Final Rule

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION [571]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code subsection 455A.5(6), the Natural Resource Commission hereby amends Chapter 95, "Game Harvest Reporting and Landowner-Tenant Registration," Iowa Administrative Code.

Chapter 95 describes the requirements for the harvest reporting system and landowner-tenant registration system.

The adopted amendments change the reporting deadline to midnight of the day after the animal is tagged rather than the day it is killed to provide adequate time to report the harvest if a hunter recovers an animal the day after it is killed. The amendments also clarify the language in the rule to reflect that the transportation tag and harvest report tag are two separate tags and add online registration through ELSI to the options that tenants may use to register for free licenses.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on April 9, 2008, as ARC 6700B. A public hearing was held on April 29, 2008, and no comments were received. No written comments were received. No changes have been made to the Notice of Intended Action.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 481A.38, 481A.39, 481A.48, 483A.1 and 483A.7.

These amendments shall become effective August 20, 2008.

The following amendments are adopted.

ITEM 1. Amend subrule 95.1(1) as follows:

95.1(1) Reporting deadlines for deer and turkey.

a. ~~Deer~~. A harvest report must be made by midnight on the day after the ~~day of the kill,~~ animal is tagged or before the deer animal is taken to a locker or taxidermist, ~~before the deer~~ is processed for consumption, or ~~before the deer~~ is transported out of state, whichever occurs first.

b. ~~Wild turkey~~. A harvest report must be made ~~no later than midnight on the day after the turkey is killed, before the turkey is taken to a locker or taxidermist, before the turkey is processed for consumption, or before the turkey is transported out of state, whichever occurs first.~~

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 95.1(3) as follows:

95.1(3) Report confirmation. After the report is made, the hunter will be given a ~~coded confirmation~~ number to write on the ~~license and transportation~~ harvest report tag to verify that the hunter has reported the kill. The harvest report tag and confirmation number ~~must remain on the transportation tag, and the tag~~ must remain attached to the deer or wild turkey until the deer or turkey is processed for consumption.

ITEM 3. Amend subrule 95.2(3) paragraph "b," as follows:

b. Tenants. A person who qualifies as a tenant but does not own any qualifying land ~~shall~~ may register on the Internet through ELSI or by mailing or faxing an affidavit obtained from

DNR. A tenant may have to wait up to ten business days after the affidavit is received by DNR before obtaining a free license.

Date

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